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FORMER COMMUNIST TO SPEAK SUNDAY

Rev. Nikolai A. Alexandrenko will speak at both services in our church Sunday. Rev. Alexandrenko was born in Bryansk, Russia. He was an officer in the Russian paratroop corps, and was taken as a prisoner of war in Germany during the Second World War. He was liberated from prison camp by the American Army and refused to return to Communist Russia for political reasons. He was converted to the Christian Faith in Germany through reading Gospel leaflets, and came to the U. S. in 1951 to study for the Gospel ministry.

He graduated from Louisiana College with the B. A. degree; from Tulane University with an M. A. degree in the Classical Languages; and from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with the B. D. degree. He is now doing graduate work at the New Orleans Seminary toward the Doctor of Theology degree. He will join the faculty of Louisiana College in September as an Assistant Professor of Classical Languages and Religion.

In 1957 he became a citizen of the U. S. He married a Louisiana girl and they have two sons.

In addition to speaking at the 11:00 and 7:30 p.m. Services, he will speak to the young people's departments of the Training Union at 6:10 in the Adult A Department.



Rev. Nikolai A. Alexandrenko

DON'T FORGET
FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Assignment Supper
For
Church Membership
Visitation

6:30 P.M.

It isn't too late to call in
your reservation



As I See It!

By CLYDE K. BIZZELL

THANKS TO OUR YOUTH

Every report I have had concerning our 1959 Youth Week has been good. Our youth accepted the assigned responsibilities and fulfilled them in a good way. We are grateful to every one of them. Paul Ward joined that list of Youth Week Pastors who have served in that place of responsibility. He did so in a wonderful way as he preached for us last Sunday night. We are especially grateful to Mr. Carpenter and to members of the Youth Activities Committee for their hours of labor in making all of this possible.

REVIVAL

The Revivals in the various churches of our Association seem to have gotten off to a good start. The reports made at the Fellowship Breakfast seem to indicate that our churches are ready for revival. I detect a spirit of concern and interest on the part of our own people. Next week ought to find us busier than ever at the task of visiting and witnessing in the interest of our Revival. Then, it is our hope that we will come together in the various Cottage Prayer Meetings to pray for God's blessings and power.

HOW TRUE!

I found this in a church bulletin from another church. I believe that it offers something to think about:

A CLIQUE

Our church is run by a clique. The clique is composed of those who are present every Sunday, who respond to every invitation to share a responsibility, who attend business meetings, who give sacrificially, who never complain, who make suggestions to the proper officers, who pray regularly for the church and its program, who read the Bible consistently, who attend the mid-week service, and who in general do the work.

P. S.—Everybody is cordially invited to join the clique.

—Selected

NEW TESTAMENTS FOR PERSONAL EVANGELISM

We have on hand in the church office some New Testaments which can be used in personal evangelism. Also, there is a mimeographed sheet with some suggestions for marking this New Testament. They are available for 25c each.

NOON-DAY MEETINGS

I have just come from the Tuesday Meeting at the Saenger Theatre. There were more than 100 people who had come during the lunch hour for this Service. It was a blessing to be there. Those of you who



W.M.U.

I have had two new circles on paper for several days. I called one of our chairmen last week to go with me to enlist a chairman for one of the circles. The person I contacted immediately said NO, that she felt it would be a waste of time. I appreciated her honesty but I have to admit I was disappointed. That night as I was thinking about the visit the thought came to me that maybe I am to blame for her feeling thus towards W. M. U.—perhaps my attitude, my interest hasn't been what it should be. Maybe some of us have taken our privilege and responsibility too lightly. Could it be that W. M. U. is just another way to waste your time or is it the means of extending relief, fellowship, and soul winning. I can't find anything in our four fundamentals that isn't Christ centered. Last night I went to hear Dr. Grady Cothen at the Municipal Auditorium. He used as his text Eph. 2:10, "We are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath ordained." My prayer is that each of us will redeem our time unto good works and not waste it. I will always be grateful for this visit.



Library Notes

In his *Evangelism According to Christ*, Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, for many years a member of the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, points us to the Gospel of John as a guide for evangelism. This book sets forth the soundest possible basis for soul winning—the teaching of Christ. Particularly in the light of our forthcoming revival, it should prove thought-provoking and inspiring reading.

This Is NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Have You Visited Your
Church Library?

can do so ought to attend at least one of these services (11:55 to 12:25). They will continue through next week, each weekday.

PRAY FOR THESE

Remember to pray for Dr. Bolton who is in Revival at the Woodmont Baptist Church in Nashville; for Rev. Pleitz who is in Revival at the Queensborough Baptist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana; and for Mr. Carpenter who is in Revival at the Eastside Baptist Church in Lakeland.

COTTAGE PRAYER SERVICES

Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.

Name—	Address
MRS. W. T. OSBORN	304 W. Moreno St.
MRS. LON ROBERTS, JR.	104 W. Jackson St.
MRS. CLARENCE TAYLOR	724 N. 12th Ave.
MRS. C. M. O'NEILL	3960 Bayou Blvd., Cordova Park
MRS. M. B. DAWSON	369 Gamarra Rd.
MRS. GEO. YARBROUGH	921 N. Palafox St.
MRS. NORWOOD COBB	2775 Escambia Ave.
MRS. SIDNEY KENNEDY	2100 E. Mallory St.
MRS. THERON GUTHRIE	1403 E. Lakeview Ave.
MRS. W. H. COKER, SR.	1723 E. Gadsden St.
MRS. S. L. DAVIS	1503 E. Jackson St.
MRS. W. P. MOOTY	18 1st Ave., Jackson Heights
MRS. GENEVIEVE SMITH	210 W. Highland Dr., Highland Ter.

REVIVAL SUGGESTIONS

Rev. Felix Wagner, Muskogee, Oklahoma, made the following suggestions to his people concerning their participation in the Revival Services:

"New Life For You" is the theme of our evangelistic services. Now is the time for all of the members of our church to "clear" their calendar for April 26-May 3. Don't wait any longer or you will have difficulty in arranging to attend every service of the Revival meeting. Here are some concrete suggestions to help you get ready.

1. Make arrangements for someone else to take your responsibility in the P.T.A., Civic Club, lodge, club or any secular activity during those eight days. This can be done very simply—just as it would be if you would become ill or unable to keep that appointment.

2. Some of our people visit out of town over the week-ends occasionally. Plan these visits so that they will not fall on the dates of April 26-May 3. This also can be very simply arranged.

3. Do not plan any Sunday School Class meeting or any other church function for your organization during the week of April 26-May 3. The April 26-May 3 schedule will be so full there won't even be time for a "brief" meeting of your organization.

4. Let your friends know (who usually have the distasteful habit of dropping in unannounced for the week-end) that you simply cannot give them any time during April 26-May 3. You can do this graciously and be a witness to them at the same time.

5. If you are planning an operation, and it is not an emergency, plan to have it at a time other than April 26-May 3. Any doctor will be glad to work with you for he

OUR CHURCH WELL REPRESENTED AT REVIVAL RALLY

Our church had 182 people present at the Revival Rally at the Municipal Auditorium last Thursday night. A large number of the members of our Chapel and Adult Choirs were in the Massed Choir which sang. A number of our men served as ushers.

JOY CLASS MEETING CHANGED

The meeting of the JOY Class has been changed to Tuesday, April 21, meeting with Mrs. Curtis Morris, 1005 N. 20th Ave. This is to be a special Prayer Meeting in preparation for the Revival.

IN MEMORY

The flowers will be placed in the Sanctuary Sunday in memory of Mrs. C. T. Davis by friends, Vera Carter Casselman and husband.

knows that the patient will recuperate more quickly and will spend less money if they have been spiritually and mentally prepared by a week such as April 26-May 3 is going to be.

6. Proclaim in your home the week of April 26-May 3 as "NO TELEVISION VIEWING FROM 7:00 TO 9:00 P.M. WEEK." Hold to it religiously.

I recognize that to clear your calendar requires dedication to Jesus Christ but I feel that our people are interested enough in Jesus and their church that they will gladly do it for this one week, April 26-May 3. We will see great things done for God.

Our Revival Is April 26 - May 3

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All material to be included in The Builder
should be in the office, preferably in writing,
not later than 9:00 A.M. Tuesdays.



LOOKING AT LAST SUNDAY

Sunday School Attendance.....	968
Members Present	921
New Members	4
Visitors	43
(Attendance one year ago 1007)	
Training Union Attendance.....	290
Members Present	272
New Members	5
Visitors	13
(Attendance one year ago.. 286)	
Additions to church membership.....	2
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$2,918.75
Specials	167.14
Kindergarten	92.50
Revival Offering	15.45
Building Fund	51.05
TOTAL OFFERING.....	\$3,244.89

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

30. Bobby Taylor, 724 N. 12th Avenue.
31. Tommy Harrell, 2600 N. Yates Avenue.

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR KNOWN SICK: Baptist Hospital—
Mrs. Robert Burrell, Mrs. E. J. Bland,
Mrs. Sarah Bessie Webb. Home from
Hospital—F. W. Ackman. At Home—
Mrs. M. B. Griffith.

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. Clifford Lenz in the
loss of her father, whose funeral was held
on Monday; to Mr. Bert Berrisford in the
loss of his mother in Toledo, Ohio.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mrs. E. J.
Bland upon the birth of a son; to Mr. and
Mrs. Robert Burrell upon the birth of a
son.



SUNDAY, APRIL 19—

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. Theron A. Guthrie, Supt.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service. Broadcast over WCOA.
Message by Rev. Nikolai A. Alexandrenko.
1:30 p.m.—Baptist Hour on WCOA.
Speaker: Dr. H. H. Hobbs
Subject: "The Answer to Intimidation"
5:00 p.m.—Training Union Executive Committee Meeting. Adult A Dept.
5:00 p.m.—Chapel Choir Rehearsal.
6:10 p.m.—Training Union for all ages. Clarence L. Taylor, Director.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship Service. Rev. Nikolai A. Alexandrenko.
8:30 p.m.—Intermediate Teen-Time in Married Young People's Dept.
8:30 p.m.—Chapel Choir Fellowship.

MONDAY, APRIL 20—

3:30 p.m.—Cherub (6-7-8) Choir Rehearsal in Primary 6B Dept.
7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Lower Auditorium.
7:30 p.m.—General Meeting of those interested in bowling, Church Dining Room.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21—

7:30 p.m.—Cottage Prayer Meetings. (See list elsewhere).
7:30 p.m.—JOY Class Meeting, with Mrs. Curtis Morris, 1005 N. 20th Ave.
7:30 p.m.—Robert Goldie Circle meets with Mrs. J. W. Richardson, 1106 East Jackson St.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22—

6:00 p.m.—Sunday School Officers' and Teachers' Meeting begins with supper. Primary 7A Dept. serving.
6:40 p.m.—Beginner Sunbeams meet.
6:40 p.m.—Primary 6-7 Sunbeams meet.
6:40 p.m.—Primary 8 Sunbeams meet.
6:40 p.m.—Junior 9 G.A. meets in Room 23.
6:40 p.m.—Junior 10 G.A. meets in Room 25.
6:40 p.m.—Intermediate G.A. meets in Rm 24
6:40 p.m.—Senior G.A. meets in Senior 16.
6:40 p.m.—Junior R.A. meets in Young Married Peoples' Dept.
6:40 p.m.—Intermediate R.A. meets in Lower Auditorium.
7:45 p.m.—Prayer Service. Dr. C. H. Bolton.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23—

9:30 a.m.—Church Visitation
Special Visitation Day.
12:00 Noon—Church Visitation Luncheon.
6:00 p.m.—Church Visitation Supper.
7:30 p.m.—Church Choir Rehearsal.

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LET'S GO BOWLING

A general meeting for those interested in forming a Bowling League will be held on Monday, April 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Dining Room. Officers will be elected and teams formed. Be present and get in on the organization of our first Bowling League.

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SOFTBALL PRACTICE

The men's softball team will practice Saturday, April 18th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Exchange Park.